# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

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BIO DIVERSITY PROJECT
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a co-ordinated project on Coastal and Marine bio-diversity was launched during 1999-2000 ;

(b) if so, the objective thereof ;

(c) the current status of its implementation, particularly in regard to the conservation of mangroves, coral reefs and other marine lives in the coastal zone ;

(d) whether the Government had issued a Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification in 1991 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 ;

(e) if so, the salient objectives envisaged therein ;

(f) whether any review of the status of its implementation has been carried out; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The three basic objectives are, namely, Survey and Inventorisation of Marine Flora and Fauna, Training and Capacity Building and Establishment of the Database Network.

(c)So far 21 projects have been assisted in the field of Coastal & Marine Biodiversity with emphasis on Survey & Inventorisation, Training & Capacity Building in the area of Marine Taxonomy, and development of Data Bases on living marine organisms. Over 100 researchers & officers of the Coastal States have been trained in the taxonomy of marine flora & fauna, snorkeling, scuba diving and coral bio-monitoring methodologies. The Research, Conservation & Management of Mangroves & Coral Reefs are also supported under Schemes specifically designed to promote conservation of these two marine resources.

(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. The Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991, declares coastal stretches of seas, bays, estuaries, creeks, rivers and backwaters, which are influenced by tidal action (in the landward side) up to 500 meters from the High Tide Line (HTL) and the land between the Low Tide Line (LTL) and the High Tide Line as Coastal Regulation Zone. The objective of the said Notification is to conserve and protect the Coastal Regulation Zone.

(f) and (g) There has been no formal or structured review of the status of implementation of the CRZ Notification as such. The provisions of the Notification are enforced through State Coastal Zone Management Authorities, & other State level agencies concerned.